

# INFORMATION FOR EVERYBODY

Brief Mention of the News, Both  
General and Personal.

## OF MATTERS OF INTEREST

Notes of More Than Passing Notice,  
Concise Written That Much May  
Be Said in Little Space—Condensed  
News for Those Who Read Quickly  
and Those Who Have No Time to  
Spare to Learn What is Going on  
in the City and Surrounding Sec-  
tion.

Supper will be served at Pythian Castle Tuesday evening, January 30th, from 6:30 to 10:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the building fund of St. John's Church.

Mr. Jesse A. Hamilton is quite sick at his home in Churchill. He has many friends here who will regret to learn of his sickness.

Miss Mattie Morton, of Manchester, who has been visiting in the city for some time, returned home yesterday.

The condition of the city jail is such that it requires the attention of the authorities all the time.

The commissioners of election will meet to-day and canvass the vote cast on Thursday. A certificate of election will be awarded Mr. Cromwell, who will enter upon his duties on Monday.

There was a decided change in the weather from midnight Thursday until sunrise Friday morning. It was like jumping from spring to winter.

The term of Dr. Hope as quarantine officer for this port will expire on March 10th, unless he is reappointed.

The Norfolk county magistrates are complaining of the dull times in their line of business.

The bill which was sent to Richmond asking the Legislature to make a law giving them one-half the proceeds will pass.

Dr. George W. Griffin is very sick at an attack of the la grippe.

A supposed mad dog was killed on Main street yesterday. He was bit and snapping at everything.

Wm. H. Brittingham has been awarded the contract for building the Y. M. C. A. building. He will be at work at such time as the committee may designate.

The colored people do not like the "Crow" law and denounce it in terms.

The Virginian-Pilot representative goes to state notwithstanding the refusal of the telegram about the Kluck coming here that the information published in regard to her coming was furnished by a prominent member of the committee, and one whose name will be taken by any one, on that point he made the statement.

Virginian-Pilot has been requested to ask what has become of the resolution adopted about four months ago directing the Committee on Lunatics to have a light put on the corner of Cook and Harrison streets.

Commission Council, Order of Hep-  
torn of this city, will, by invitation,  
at Norfolk next Friday night to  
in an entertainment that will  
at Norfolk lodge of the same

Well, a colored man, in the  
Norfolk and Carolina  
at Pinner's Point, and  
caught into the  
to death.

his city is near-  
beautiful build-  
favorably with

the same in the de-  
reflect much credit on the contractor.

A pleasant reception was tendered  
Rev. Mr. Thompson, the pastor of Trin-  
ity P. E. Church, by the Brotherhood  
of St. Andrew, of that church, Thurs-  
day night. The reception was a very  
pleasant one, indeed.

An organ recital will be given at the  
St. John's Church during the second  
week of February, in which quite a  
number of well-known singers will take  
part.

Junius Powell, colored, was brought  
to the station-house yesterday morning  
while in a crazy spell. Junius was going  
up and down Glasgow street ringing  
door bells. When accosted by an offi-  
cer he said: "I live at 716 Glasgow  
street, but can't find it." He will be  
held until a commission can be held.

Attention is called to the advertise-  
ment of Mrs. Brittingham's special sale  
of carnations for to-day.

Attention is called to the advertise-  
ment of R. E. King, who offers special  
attractions.

It now looks as if Park View will be  
connected with Pinner's Point by a  
bridge.

Mr. Charles Jackson is critically ill at  
his home on Clifford street. His friends  
are apprehensive.

Mrs. E. I. Hopkins, of No. 1106 Green  
street, advertises for music scholars.

There is a gang of youths on Wash-  
ton street and the vicinity who make a  
business of disturbing every one they  
can. The police have not come up with  
them in their mischief yet, but they  
will sooner or later be caught.

Miss Sallie Williams, of Williams-  
burg, is in the city on a visit to friends.

The Weather Bureau says that the  
thermometer will be down to fifteen de-  
grees below freezing point this morn-  
ing.

Captain W. A. Fiske, an enterprising  
business man, finds that his business  
has increased to such an extent that he  
has ordered an electric motor.

Rev. Dr. Garrett will return from  
Fairfax county in time to fill his pulpit  
the first Sunday in February.

The work of remodeling the old Py-  
thian Hall, which was purchased by the  
Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, will be-  
gin next week.

A negro man was arrested last night  
on suspicion of having stolen a harness  
he had in his possession.

Yesterday afternoon a resident of  
Court street accidentally fell out of a  
window and bruised himself quite bad-  
ly.

President Skelton Williams, Vice-  
President St. John and other officers of

The Seaboard Air Line, who had been  
out on an inspection of the road, came  
in on a special train yesterday after-  
noon.

Indications point to a boom in build-  
ing around the city this spring.  
The People's Woodyard, Mr. F. S.  
Hubbard manager, ask you to call him  
up and see what inducements he is of-  
fering to families. See advertisement.

## A SUPPOSED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Yesterday morning Alvin Miller and  
Robert Rapp, two of Uncle Sam's blue  
coats, were before Mayor Baird charged  
with having induced a stranger, who  
gave his name as John Mitchell, into  
a vacant lot near the navy-yard gate  
and then tripped him up and robbed  
him of \$17 in money.

Mitchell told a rather straight story  
at first, claiming that he met the two  
marines in Norfolk, and engaged in  
conversation with them. Mitchell said  
he was from New York, and wanted to  
enlist in the Marine Corps. He treated  
those men several times, and was  
told by them that he could go to the  
yard, sleep in the guard-house, and in  
the morning go before a doctor, and if  
he passed he would be enlisted; that the  
men, when he reached the vacant lot,  
induced him to go in there, and then  
robbed him. He had been drinking  
pretty freely at the time. His story  
created the sympathy of all present.

Rapps said that he was with Mitchell  
in Norfolk; drank every time he was  
asked, but did not remember being in  
Portsmouth with him. He claimed that  
Mitchell made overtures to him after  
he was arrested to compromise the  
matter for fifty cents, but this was not  
substantiated.

Miller said that he and Rapps met  
Mitchell in Norfolk, and that Mitchell  
had on a marine uniform, said he was  
a director for the Boston yard, and  
wanted to enlist at this yard. They  
drank several times together and then  
came to Portsmouth (drank at every  
tavern they met); he drank beer, the  
other two men whiskey. He was not  
as drunk as the others. Mitchell spent  
five or six dollars at a slot machine,  
and that was when he lost his money;  
that he went with Mitchell to sell his  
uniform, and that Mitchell spent \$1.50  
for a citizen's rig, which he had on.  
His story was so straight that his  
Honor said it was a drunken spree to-  
gether, so he dismissed them.

## HIS GAME DID NOT WORK.

A white man named George Wesley,  
who claimed Richmond as his home,  
was brought to the station-house at a  
late hour Thursday night, upon com-  
plaint of a well-known citizen, who said  
that Wesley was going from house to  
house begging, claiming to be a mute  
in trouble. He would present a card to  
that effect. At one house he forgot he  
was "dumb" and said something that  
was not altogether agreeable, and for  
that reason complaint was made  
against him. He had the note in his  
pocket while talking to the Mayor, but  
denied positively of ever using it to  
secure alms. The note read:

"I am deaf and dumb, but have not  
always been so; scarlet fever brought  
on the trouble. I lost my wife and  
child with that disease."

It went on to a long length, creating  
sympathy in his behalf. His Honor  
asked him where he came from, and  
received as a reply, "From Norfolk on  
the previous day."

He was sent back there, and given  
instructions never to come back to  
Portsmouth, under a severe penalty.

## IS IT A GHOST.

For the past three months a man  
named Best has been annoyed by hav-  
ing stones, coal, bricks and other mis-  
cels thrown at his house.

On Saturday last a youth was fined  
\$10, and several people were bound over  
to keep the peace and be of good be-  
havior towards Best, &c., but that did  
not stop the throwing.

On Tuesday and Thursday it was  
done to a greater extent than ever be-  
fore. Best had a colored detective em-  
ployed to watch for the parties. The  
detective was to get \$10 if he convicted  
some one, as he reported Cornelius An-  
derson as the man who did the chucking.  
The case was heard in the Mayor's  
Court yesterday, and Anderson was ac-  
quitted, and the detective lost his fee.  
Best can't tell whether it is ghosts or  
not. He knows that he is very much  
annoyed.

## FUNERALS YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Mr. John F. Clark took  
place yesterday afternoon from St.  
Paul's Catholic Church, Rev. Thomas J.  
Brady officiating. The remains were in-  
terred in Oak Grove Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Effie Cotton, wife  
of Mr. Samuel Cotton, took place yester-  
day afternoon from the Calvary  
Baptist Church. The services were con-  
ducted by Rev. Samuel Saunders. The  
remains were taken to Oak Grove Cem-  
etery and consigned to Mother Earth,  
there to remain until the last trumpet  
shall sound, calling forth the quick and  
the dead.

## ROBBERY.

Some time during Thursday night a  
negro broke open the office door of  
Lindsay & Co.'s wood yard, corner of  
London and Pine streets, and broke  
open a trunk belonging to Mr. T. J.  
Gaddy, manager of the yard, who  
sleeps at the office, and took all his  
clothing, Mr. Gaddy being off at the  
time.

Suspicion rests on a negro who has  
been making inquiries as to whether  
Mr. Gaddy slept there or not. The  
negro left an axe just inside the door.  
The loss falls heavy on Mr. Gaddy, who  
is a poor man.

## Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Rev. George E. Booker, pastor of the  
Wright Memorial M. E. Church, will be  
the speaker at the men's meeting to-  
morrow afternoon. Subject, "Heaven."  
Mr. Booker is well known as an elo-  
quent speaker. The song service will  
be a most enjoyable feature.

The regular boys' Gospel Army ser-  
vice will be held at 3 o'clock.

## Something You Want to Know.

It is an easy matter to get a home  
when you own a lot; but we work dif-  
ferent from that. Call and get our  
terms. Lots in all sections for sale on  
easy terms. Call, or address The Sea-  
board Real Estate Company, No. 214  
High street, up-stairs.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed  
to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's old  
stand.

## THE S. A. L. AND ITS CONNEC- TION.

The Columbia Record, published at  
Columbia, S. C., has the following to  
say about the Seaboard Air Line:

A special Seaboard Air Line train,  
consisting of two private cars, pulled  
by a Seaboard Air Line engine, pulled  
into Columbia last night over the At-  
lantic Coast Line tracks. It came from  
Cheraw, and aboard were the following  
Seaboard Air Line officials:

Vice-President and General Manager  
E. St. John.  
Director R. C. Hoffman, formerly  
president of the system.  
General Superintendent V. E. Mc-  
Bee.

Trainmaster J. M. Turner.  
C. T. Williams, chief clerk in Col.  
McBee's office.

O. B. Bidwell, freight claim agent.  
G. P. Johnson, superintendent of car  
service.

W. E. Flourney, secretary of E. St.  
John.

W. W. Gwathney, chief engineer.

The party is out on an inspection trip.  
It left Richmond and first went to  
Ridgeway, N. C., over the Richmond,  
Petersburg and Carolina railroad, the  
Seaboard's connecting link between  
those places. From Ridgeway the party  
went to Cheraw, thence to Columbia.

A thorough inspection of the Seaboard's  
new lines was made and the officials  
were very much pleased with the way  
they showed up.

The party spent the day here inspect-  
ing the Seaboard Air Line work. The  
party will go to Camden to-morrow to  
inspect the Seaboard's line there. It  
was originally expected that the Sea-  
board's through line would be com-  
pleted by February 1st, but unavoida-  
ble delay in obtaining building material  
will make it impossible to open the line  
by that time.

But the work is being rushed, and  
the line will be got through before  
many weeks more have elapsed. As  
soon as the line is completed the erec-  
tion of depots and warehouses will be  
pushed. This will mean the turning  
loose in Columbia of much more Sea-  
board Air Line money.

The party returned yesterday after-  
noon on a special train. Mr. St. John  
was seen by the Virginian-Pilot rep-  
resentative in this city. In answer to a  
question as to how work was progress-  
ing on the new addition he said:

"The work is progressing beautif-  
fully; everything is in an excellent con-  
dition; the Trigg Company are nearly  
through with their bridges; the grad-  
ing is about all done, and, as matters  
now look, we will open up by February  
15th, but not later than the 20th. We  
will then have a line that we will feel  
proud of."

## CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY.

Park View Baptist Church, Rev. W. P.  
Hines pastor—Bible school at 9:30 a.  
m. At 10 every Sunday the pastor lec-  
tures on the Sunday school lesson. The  
public is cordially invited to join his  
class, which meets in the study.  
Fencing by the pastor at 11 a. m. and  
7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Giving."  
Evening subject, "Shall We Know Each  
Other in Heaven?" (by special request).  
The public cordially invited.

Capudine cures while you wait, all  
your aches and pains. One bottle will  
convince you.

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moved to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's  
old stand.

## Hester's Weekly Cotton Statement

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
New Orleans, Jan. 26.—Secretary Hes-  
ter's statement of the world's visible  
supply of cotton shows a decrease for  
the week just closed of 91,565, against  
a decrease of 13,593 last year.

The total visible is 4,108,269, against  
4,199,834 last week, and 5,592,740 last  
year. Of this the total of American  
cotton is 3,368,269, against 3,431,834 last  
week, and 4,762,740 last year; of all  
kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India,  
etc., 740,000, against 768,000 last week,  
and \$20,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply, as  
above, there is now afloat and held in  
Great Britain and continental Europe  
1,869,000 bales, against 3,201,000 last  
year, and in Egypt 208,000, against 267,  
000 last year. In India, 320,000, against  
309,000 last year, and in the United  
States, 1,713,000, against 1,756,000 last  
year.

New Orleans, Jan. 26.—Secretary  
Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton  
Exchange statements shows a decrease  
in the movement into sight compared  
with the seven days ending this date  
last year in round figures, 29,000.

The amount brought into sight during  
the past week is 194,742, against 223,  
230 for the seven days ending this date  
last year, and for the twenty-six days  
of January it has been 735,084, against  
961,629 last year.

The movement since September 1  
shows receipts at all United States  
ports, 4,857,307, against 6,641,015 last year.  
Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio  
and Potomac rivers to Northern mills  
and Canada, 907,371, against 942,288 last  
year.

Interior stocks in excess of those held  
at the close of the commercial year,  
450,889, against 470,559 last year; South-  
ern mill takings, 692,476, against 633,276  
last year.

Foreign exports for the week have  
been 150,157, against 190,502 last year,  
making the total thus far for the season  
3,201,195, against 5,065,428 last year, a  
decrease of 1,864,233.

The total takings of American mills,  
North and South, and Canada thus far  
for the season have been 2,367,920,  
against 2,166,193 last year. These in-  
clude 1,656,101 by Northern spinners,  
against 1,621,335.

Stocks at the Seaboard and the twen-  
ty-nine leading Southern interior cen-  
ters have decreased during the week  
32,215, against a decrease during the  
corresponding period last season of  
50,952.

Including stocks left over at ports  
and interior towns from the last crop  
and the number of bales brought into  
sight thus far for the new crop, the  
supply to date is 7,256,941, against 8,954,  
744 for the same period last year.

## LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-  
Ease, a powder to be shaken into the  
shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel  
easy; gives instant relief to corns and  
blisters. It's the greatest comfort dis-  
covery of the age. Cures and prevents  
swollen feet, blisters, callous and sore  
spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure  
for sweating, hot, aching, nervous feet.  
At all druggists and shoe stores. 25c. Trial  
package free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted,  
Lo Roy, N. Y.

## THE TERRIBLE PLAGUE.

REPORTS OF ITS RAVAGES IN  
NEW CALEDONIA.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 26.—From  
Noumen, New Caledonia, comes the  
most alarming reports of the ravages  
of the plague which has been preva-  
lent there since early in December.

There were sixteen deaths during the  
first ten days following the develop-  
ments of the malady. The origin of the  
plague, an account of which was  
brought by the Mlowera, is attributed  
to the filthy quarters where a number  
of Japanese, Tonkinese and Kanakas  
were lodged. The scourge is believed  
to be local in origin, and all the Kan-  
akas have been isolated on an island  
adjacent to the town. Up to December  
23d there had been no deaths among the  
whites, eight of whom had been infected,  
but nine Kanakas, two Japanese  
and five Tonkinese had died of the dis-  
ease, according to the latest advices.

The Western end of the town where  
the infection first developed has been  
fenced off with a high galvanized iron  
fence seven hundred yards long, includ-  
ing the water frontage. The principal  
business houses, official buildings and  
the banking and shipping offices are  
guarded by a posse of soldiers. Twenty  
buildings in the infected district of the  
town were demolished by the health  
authorities, but despite all the precau-  
tions the plague continues to spread,  
according to the latest accounts. The  
natives believe the plague is a visita-  
tion of providence, and that it is wrong  
to take measures to check the dread  
disease. Their ignorance and supersti-  
tion make the labors of the officials  
doubly arduous.

## AT ROSARIO.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 26.—Official noti-  
fication has been received of the ap-  
pearance of the bubonic plague at Ro-  
sario, on the west bank of the Parana,  
about two hundred and thirty miles by  
water northwest of Buenos Ayres. The  
Government has issued a decree of ab-  
solute isolation.

## SPECIAL SALE OF CARNATIONS

for to-day at 25c. at MRS. BRAT-  
TINGHAM'S, 319 High Street. Jan. 26-31

## AN EXPERIENCED MUSIC TEACH- ER

will take a few scholars to com-  
plete hopes, for terms etc., apply. MRS.  
E. J. HOPKINS, 1106 Green Street. Jan. 26-31

## THE SACRIFICE SALE OF FINE

Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Lace Cur-  
tains, &c., still continues. No reasona-  
ble offer refused for these goods. B. P.  
HOWELL, 412 Washington street. Jan. 26-31

## WANTED—BIDS ON UNIFORMS

and caps for conductors, motormen  
and ferry employees. For further particu-  
lars call at ferry office Monday morning  
between 9 and 10 o'clock. A. J. PHILLIPS.  
Jan. 26-31

## TO-DAY

Saur Kraut at 5c. per quart.  
Apple cider Vinegar at 12 c. per gallon.  
Butter at 25c. per pound.  
Scotch Herring, Blacars, choice Roast-  
ing Beef etc.  
Respectfully

R. E. KING,  
Old Phone 2334. 260 COURT STREET.

## CALL UP OLD 'PHONE 2383

and hear about the great inducements we  
are now offering the family trade. Satis-  
faction guaranteed.  
Yours truly  
The People's Wood Yard,  
F. S. HUBBARD, Manager.  
Race Avenue.

## OLD HAMS

are scarce—very. A lot from a good curer  
at Smithfield just received. Sizes, 4 to 7  
pounds.  
Does your constitution require Ginger  
Ale? Try mine at \$1.00 per dozen.

E. R. BARKSDALE  
BOTH PHONES. 129 COURT ST.  
Delivery Wagon for sale cheap.

## Money back if you want it.

New York Clothing Co.'s  
Semi-Annual  
Clearance Sale

Great values for this week—  
We mention a few of them be-  
low and there's lots of others  
just as interesting.

Men's \$10 Suits, \$6.90.  
Your choice of a big lot of Men's  
All-wool Suits, in stylish Cheviots  
and Cassimeres—splendidly made  
and finished—  
Regular \$10 value, \$6.90.

Men's 75c. Underwear, 39c.  
Eight styles of Men's Fine  
Fleeced Undr and Derby Ribbed  
Shirts and Drawers—wholes sold at  
50c. and 75c.—  
Will go for 39c.

Boys' \$3.50 Suits, \$1.98.  
Here's a splendid chance, moth-  
ers! Boys' All-wool Suits, with  
double seams and knees—  
Worth \$3.50, for \$1.98.

Boys' 25c. Caps, 11c.  
Lot of Boys' regular 25c. Caps  
in a variety of good-wearing pat-  
terns—  
Will be offered for 11c.

12½c Handkerchiefs, 6½c.  
Lot of Men's Full Size Plain  
White and Fancy Border Hand-  
kerchiefs—  
12½c. value for 6½c.

Men's \$12 O'coats \$7.35.  
Lot of Men's Blue and Black  
Kerseys and Tan Coverd Overcoats  
—lined with Italian cloth and un-  
usually well made—  
\$12 value for \$7.35.

214 HIGH STREET,  
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

## THE BRANDT CO.

EVERYTHING FOR MEN—TOP TO TOE!  
213 AND 215 HIGH ST.

Greatest Values in Clothing Offered this Season!  
Every item is worth investigating

5.25 for Suit or O'Coat, 7.00 for Suit or O'Coat, 8.75 for Suit or O'Coat,  
made to sell at \$7.50 made to sell at \$10.00 made to sell at \$12.50.  
Equally such values in our Trousers. Ask for \$1.50 values. See what Trousers  
you can buy for this price.

## SPECIAL SHOE SALE!

Remnants of this season in Men's Shoes sold at \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50 in stylish, sea-  
sonable Footwear—now all in one lot—  
\$2.85 A PAIR.

## THE BRANDT CO.

STRICTLY ONE PRICE. FOR CASH ONLY.

## Bargains...Bargains

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
Best Quality Spring Percales to be sold at 9 Cents Per Yard.

All new goods and more than 75 different styles. This will be your only chance  
to secure such a bargain. Come early and secure your Shirt Waist and Wrapper  
Patterns. Opened to-day, a line of Friendship Bracelets (Sterling), only 50c.

## EMMETT DEANS,

Terms Cash. 320 High Street.